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In re Patent Application of:  
Kazunari Kimino

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR  
DEVICE

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Examiner: G. R. Koch

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated May 5, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.